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# Talk of the Town

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## Message From The Mayor

Since September 2021, along with my Wife and Consort Kath and easing of Covid restrictions, I have been quite busy especially leading up to the Christmas period.

My Civic Service at St Mary's in October was an extra special event for me and my family, which was followed by the Tree of Light Service, Christmas Lights Switch On, All Saints Memorial Service, Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols, not to mention the four Remembrance Services we attended.

In January we were invited to lay wreaths at the

Airman's Grave, in the town to mark the 50th Anniversary of the first Holly Holy Day reenactment. February saw a very special, memorable Service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of our Oueen.

We have been extremely privileged and honoured to attend numerous other events, some quite diverse, from a Climate Control Action Walk with the Sustainable Nantwich Group, an exhibition of memorabilia at the Haslington Village Hall, MacMillan Cancer Xmas Bingo at the Civic Hall to wonderful music by Nantwich Concert Band.

The most recent event was to be invited to meet and greet Great Britain's greatest ever Paralympian Dame Sarah Storey for the opening of the new look Nantwich Leisure Centre.

Looking forward, my Quiz will take place on Friday 25th March raising money for local charities and I am delighted to see (and be attending) some of the events that make Nantwich so very special again this year including:

Nantwich Jazz, Blues and Music Nantwich Roots Festival Nantwich Pride event Nantwich Agricultural Show Nantwich Food Festival

Easter weekend 14th – 18th April 11th – 15th May Saturday 16th July Wednesday 27th July 2nd, 3rd & 4th July

In closing, may I again give a sincere "THANK YOU" to all of our many wonderful groups of volunteers that we're blessed with. They are willing to give their time and energy in so many diverse ways to help make our very special Town a happier, safer and cleaner place to visit and live.

### **Snow Hill Public Conveniences**

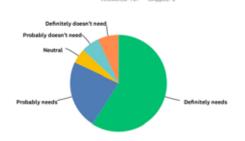
You may recall in the last edition of Talk of the Town we asked for residents for their views on proposals to re-introduce public conveniences at the old Snow Hill site.

In total there were 731 survey responses and the majority were town residents. Over 80% of respondents were keen to see the refurbishment of Snow Hill toilets and felt that there was a need in Nantwich for this facility, with over half happy to pay a small charge to use public conveniences.

From the survey results
Council agreed that the
re-introduction of toilets
at Snow Hill would be taken
to the next stage of design
and feasibility. For the full survey
results visit our Consultation page at
www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

Q11 When you think about public toilets at Snowhill, do you think they are a facility Nantwich needs or doesn't need?

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## Nantwich Town Council Approved Budget 2022-23

Between September and November 2021, the Town Council consulted with residents on the proposed budget and precept for 2022/23. The proposals included a draft budget of £1,392,216 of which £839,136 would be funded through the Council Tax precept.

Following the precept increase of 2021/22 because of the pandemic the Town Council had committed to reducing the precept for 2022/23. The proposal would have resulted in a 10% decrease in the precept demand with the average Band D household seeing a reduction of £17.48 per year or 34p per week compared to 2021/22.

As a result of a detailed and carefully considered budget setting process which included member workshops and Finance Committee meetings the Town Council is pleased to confirm that following the Council meeting on 9th December 2021 it has set its Precept for 2022/23 at £816,067. This is a reduction of 12.5% or £116,306 in comparison to 2021/22. The average Band D household in Nantwich will see a reduction from £174.79 down to £152.94 per year a difference of £21.85.

## **New Working Groups For Nantwich**

Recently Nantwich Town Council agreed to form two new working groups to focus on Climate Change and a Tourism Strategy for the Town.

The Council called for key stakeholders with an interest in either topic to come forward and join these groups. We received a tremendous response for each group and now the two working parties have been formed and are due to have their first meetings in the very near future.

### **Join Our Team**

#### Nantwich Town Council is looking for a Town Ranger to join our team

An enthusiastic, experienced individual is required to join our maintenance team to help keep Nantwich looking its best.

Hours of work will predominantly be based over a four-day week during Winter, but during other times days and hours will vary to reflect the work required.

The role is varied and rewarding, positively impacting on our residents, workers, and visitors' lives. The successful applicant's capability to use their initiative will be matched by their ability to solve problems and find creative solutions to issues that arise.

The position will involve physical work and at times may require the holder to get their hands dirty in dealing with issues. Full driving license is essential.

In return we offer a competitive salary of £19,698 - £24,491, 25 days holiday entitlement, rising to 30 after five years service, training and continuous professional development, enrolment to the Cheshire Pension Fund.

For more information about the role or to apply visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or please call us on 01270 628633. Closing date: 19th April 2022



## Oyez, Oyez, Oyez...



Nantwich Town Council confirmed the appointment of a new Town Crier for the Town at the meeting of the Council on Thursday 13th January.

Familiar face and professional town crier, Devlin Hobson, will revive civic traditions and begin to promote the town with immediate effect.

Well respected, Devlin, is well experienced in the field having had previous appointments in Kidsgrove and Middlewich, even filling in occasionally in Nantwich. It is hoped the new crier will greet shoppers and proclaim events, and also promote any businesses wishing to push special offers.

If you would like to see the Town Crier at your event, or have something for him to promote please contact Sheryl Birtles on 01270 619224 or email ntc.marketing@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

#### What & Where Gives Nantwich Its Character?

The Cheshire Local List is a collaboration between Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East and Halton Boroughs. Work on this website and a number of pilot studies across the county, are being undertaken with funding from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Local heritage plays an essential role in creating and reinforcing a sense of local character and distinctiveness in the historic environment, and is an important part of the developing community identity.

Residents are asked to consider buildings/places (non-listed) within the Nantwich boundary that they feel are part of Nantwich's character and attraction, and which should be included on the list.

Suggestions already received include the Alms Houses on Beam Street and Welsh Row, the Player's Theatre, Cocoa Yard, the Pillory (stocks) and the Old Biot should also be included on the list.

If you have a suggestion please email ntc.marketing@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01270 619224.



The Boundary Commission for England is holding an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England, and invites you to have your say on its proposals.

Go to be be be some sorgular to view the proposed new constituencies for your area and hare your views before the secondary consultation closes on 4 April.



You can also speak at a public hearing in your region - find your nearest hearing and book your attendance at bit.ly/bcepublichearings.

The 2023 Boundary Review will rebalance the number of electors in each constituency, and the number of constituencies in England will increase to 543. Follow @BCEReviews to keep updated



## **Meet The Traders...**

#### **CCL Cleaning Ltd**

A family run business and we began trading at the market in Nantwich during lockdown in 2020!

We stock Fabulosa and other branded cleaning products and offer a same day ironing service (with local pick ups available).

In addition to opening at the market every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, we also offer a domestic and commercial cleaning service.



#### **Picture House Framing**

Hi, I'm Kevin and I have been trading at the Market for over 16 years.

I offer bespoke framing, mount cutting, replacement glass and non-reflective glass.

Thousands of art prints by established and new artists are also available to order.

I specialise in framing sports shirts, medals, needlework, embroidery all at very reasonable prices.

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

#### **Welch Poultry**

Myself (Dave), and wife Karen are the second generation of a family business that has occupied the same stall at Nantwich Market since 1975.

Our stall, Welch Poultry, sells a wide range of local farm produce including the best eggs, chicken, sausage, bacon, game, duck and not forgetting of course, delicious Mrs Darlington's preserves.

Pop along on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday where we will offer a warm

welcome and fantastic service.



## FARMERS' MARKET

Nantwich Farmers' Market produce is locally grown, seasonal and very fresh. Farmers pick produce at the peak of flavour, preserving the nutritional content of fresh produce.

Last Saturday of the month (Except for December when it's the last Saturday before Christmas)

## ANTIQUES& COLLECTORS MARKET

Antique, Vintage & Collectors Markets renowned for their quality and variety of products.

Saturday 14th May
Saturday 11th June
Saturday 9th July
Saturday 13th August
Saturday 10th September
Saturday 22nd October

## ARTISAN MARKET

Bringing together some of the best arts and crafts in the area, complemented by wonderful food and drink.

Saturday 4th June Saturday4th September Saturday 16th October Saturday 19th November



## The Wingate Centre...A Hidden Gem

The Wingate Centre has been providing recreational and residential facilities to individuals with special education needs and disabilities for over 30 years.

With a huge gymnasium, sensory room and recreation hall, activities on offer include rebound therapy, a form of physiotherapy that uses weightlessness to enable an individual to achieve physical exercise, one to one disability fitness, social clubs, and creative classes.

The Centre also offer community facilities; a lunchtime Café, Pilates, Mini Play for pre-schoolers and is a perfect venue for a birthday party hosting up to 30 children.

As an independent charity The Wingate Centre relies on the generosity of supporters and the local community to help raise the £300 000 needed each year to continue their life changing work.

There are many ways you can support the charity, from using their facilities & services to fundraising or volunteering. Why not pop in and see what The Wingate Centre has to offer.

The Wingate Centre, Wrenbury Hall Drive, Nantwich, CW5 8ES www.thewingatecentre.co.uk





What some attendees said:

forward to the next one."

Service.

worthwhile causes in one room

"It has been fabulous to see so many

networking together. I was especially

aroups and social enterprises. I look

Dianne Parrish, Cheshire Connect.

happy to meet new start up community

"We are a new group starting out and it

has been a fantastic event to put faces to

names. It was been worthwhile for us so

we know who we can signpost clients to."

Maureen Coulter, Insights Bereavement

"Thanks for inviting Nantwich Buddies to

## **Networking For A Better Nantwich**

In February Nantwich Town Council was a key organiser of a new networking event, organised to bring together businesses, organisations, volunteers and charities in the area.

In collaboration with Cheshire East Connected Communities and Nantwich Foodbank, it was hoped that representatives would come together to understand each others roles and how they can work together for the benefit of the community.

The session, attended by 30+ organisations, focused on key areas which are included in Cheshire East's One Plan, including:

- Dementia
- Young peoples access to activities
- Health Inequalities
- Loneliness and isolation
- Mental Health

The event was a great success with outcomes including:

- 19 project ideas
- 22 suggestions shared of how we can involve residents
- 31 ideas of other networking partners
- 4 projects confirmed as happening
- 4 new working groups

Attendees of the event included: Health Watch Partnership Insights Bereavement Service Nantwich Food Bank Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group Social Prescribing and Pathway CIC Community and Voluntary Services Wirral Community Health & Care NHS Cheshire East Social Action Partnership **Foundation Trust** Central Maternity Voices The Thursday Club (Dementia Support) **CGL Drug & Alcohol Services** Change Grow Live In Safe Hands Rotary Club of Nantwich Nantwich Library Motherwell Cheshire **Christians Against Poverty Department for Work and Pensions** Nantwich Clinic Nantwich Buddies

Nantwich Methodist Church

**British Red Cross** 

Churches Together

Cheshire Connect

Citizens Advice

Lean On Me

Pure Insight

Wishing Well

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the event. It has been areat to see so many groups in one room. It has been a valuable experience." Sara Lamond, Nantwich Buddies

If you think you/your organisation could participate, or you would like more information on the One Plan or any of the networking partners visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk







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## **Folk Legends Headline Nantwich Roots Festival**

Folk legends Fairport Convention, Ralph McTell and Seth Lakeman pay a visit to Nantwich this May, when they top the bill for a new folk, roots and Americana festival. Called 'Nantwich Roots', the event has been organised by the same team behind the market town's popular Words and Music Festival.

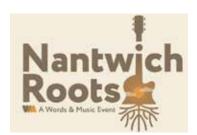
Director Nigel Stonier commented "Nantwich has staged successful folk festivals dating right back to the '70s, but has been without one for some time now. Having picked up the mantle, we're thrilled with the acts we've managed to entice here for our inaugural year."

Celebrating the best of folk, roots and Americana, Nantwich Roots sees a host of live gigs across the town, at venues including the Civil Hall, Crown Ballroom, Ebenezer's Craft Beer and Gin Bar and Applestump Records. The three main headliners are:

- FAIRPORT CONVENTION the iconic band who changed the face of UK folk forever with their seminal release 'Liege and Leaf' appearing in Nantwich for the first time at the Civic Hall on Sunday 15th May
- RALPH McTELL writer of classic material including 'Streets Of London,' probably England's most famous contemporary folk song, appearing at Nantwich Civil Hall Saturday 14th May
- SETH LAKEMAN virtuoso fiddle player, singer songwriter and contemporary folk superstar who sold out on his last visit in 2017, making a welcome return on Friday 13th May

Also appearing for a special performance on Saturday 14th May are Sheffield based NANCY KERR and JAMES FAGAN, and on Thursday 12th May, fans of Americana music can enjoy ROBERT VINCENT, plus a special guest appearance by Louisiana born singer/songwriter KATE ELLIS.

Tickets for all events can be purchased at The Civic Hall (01270 628633) or via wordsandmusicfestival.com









#### **Nantwich Museum**

Your local and free to enter Museum, introduces a 'Movement' exhibition and a new Walking Tours programme.

**New Exhibition** 

"Movement", an exhibition of ballet and wildlife art by Alex Jabore is running in the museum's Millennium Gallery from Wednesday 9 March - Saturday 7 May, 2022.

Entry to both the museum and exhibition is FREE with the artwork for sale.

Alex Jabore is a fine artist based in the Pennines who has established herself as a figurative painter of the ballet and wildlife of the British Isles. Over the last few years of lockdowns and social distancing she's drawn inspiration from the local wildlife. During this time she's focused on portraying movement and lightness, which transferred into her most recent ballet works where she balances the athleticism, weight and strength of the dancer against the lightness of their movement. In this exhibition, entitled 'Movement' there is a range of work over both subjects.

**Walking Tours** 

The museum has a new programme of its highly popular guided walks which all start at 11.00am.

Riverside walks are scheduled for 9 April, 7 May, 11 June and 9 July.

Nantwich Town Tours will run on 23 April and 11 May, with Welsh Row Tours on 26 March, 6 April and 21 May.

Lake and Woodland Tours are scheduled for 12 April, 14 May, 18 June and 23 July.

Costs for all Walks are just £5 (£4 for Museum Members). Pre-booking is strongly advised either in person at the Museum Shop, or phoning the Museum.

For further information contact: Nantwich Museum on enquiries@nantwichmuseum.org.uk or telephone 01270 627104 www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk





## **Celebrity Chefs booked for 2022!**

Local foodies will be delighted to hear that the Nantwich Food Festival will go ahead this year from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September.

There may be some changes to the look of the festival, but entrance remains free, there will still be the same mix of food stalls, eating areas and entertainment in the usual locations of Love Lane, Bowling Green and the Town Centre.

The Civic Hall will once again be buzzing with great Chef demonstrations. Returning for 2022 is the talented TV Chef Rosemary Shrager, renowned for her appearances, in Cooking with the Stars and the Big Family Cooking Showdown.

Rosemary will be demonstrating on the festival Saturday. Sean Wilson proved so popular at past festivals, that he has

been booked again to appear on the festival Sunday, when you can enjoy his entertaining style whilst creating innovative recipes.

The festival team plans to showcase more celebrity and local chefs, so watch out for more news over the forthcoming months.

Nantwich Food Festival is very much an event organised by and for the local community, and it is only made possible through the help and generosity of sponsors, suppliers, exhibitors, and our volunteers.

They all look forward to welcoming local residents to this year's event, but we could always do with more support, so if you are interested in any aspect of the festival please get in contacted.

This year, the festival organising committee has launched a new look, more informative website, where you can find out what is happening during and in the lead up to the festival. Why not bookmark www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk

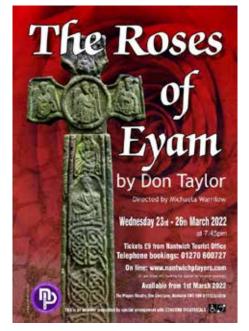
Nantwich Food Festival can be contacted via info@nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk





## **Nantwich Players**

Nantwich's theatre is back in full swing with a wonderful, packed Spring season. Join us for a great night out!







### **Nantwich Concert Band News**

Nantwich Concert Band (NCB) is delighted to announce the formation of two new music groups for young musicians, starting this May. NCB has been at the heart of Nantwich community since 1983, regularly hosting concerts in local venues, performing in the Town Square and providing

entertainment at events such as the Nantwich Food Festival.

With so much experience to share, we are establishing a Junior Band (for beginners) and a Youth Band (Grade 3+) for under 18s who play woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Both bands are open to any school-aged child/teen and will rehearse at Highfields Academy, on Sunday mornings in term-time. Our first rehearsal is Sunday 8th May 2022.

These groups will receive support from the Love Music Trust, the music education hub for Cheshire East Council and support most of the schools in Nantwich. Both groups will be overseen by our Musical Director, Nick Birch, an alumnus of the Royal Northern College of Music and brass specialist who teaches in schools throughout Nantwich and Cheshire East.

Our long-standing Concert Band rehearses on Wednesday evenings and is open to players of all ages. We recommend joining with at least grade 3 (or equivalent) standard. New members are always welcome; please get in touch if you'd like to join us. We are especially eager to hear from brass players and have a vacancy for a drummer.

You can find out more about any of our bands by visiting our website: www.nantwichband.co.uk where you can find a sign up form, or by emailing info@nantwichband.co.uk



www.nantwichband.co.uk

# Talk of the Town

## A Bloomin' Great Success

Nantwich in Bloom was very pleased to receive a 10th successive Gold Medal, awarded by North West in Bloom judges, and also the trophy for joint Best Town in the North West in 2021.

Thank you to all volunteers, residents, town council and Ansa staff who helped gain this great award for Nantwich.

Winter displays of polyanthus, pansies, violas are now looking very colourful and we are planning ahead for this year's summer displays and projects which will focus on celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Commonwealth Games. These will include themed floral designs in beds and planters, community decorated and planted pots and also more planting of trees, shrubs and flowering perennials to provide a sustainable lasting 'green' benefit to all residents and visitors.

We will be busy raising some of the plants for these displays from seed and propagating others on our allotment.

Our recent winter activities have included fruit tree planting and winter pruning at the Community Orchard, helped by students from Reaseheath College.

We are working with other local volunteers to maintain Coed Wen and add more transplanted tree saplings to the new 'Lakeside Community Copse'. A plaque will be installed shortly at the copse to commemorate all those in the local community affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The willow feature on Nantwich Riverside is also being restored, do take a look and admire the view from the new 'recycled' bench.

Spring bulbs are starting to emerge in the beds and planters on the Railway Station and also in the town centre.

Keep a look out for the first crocus, daffodils and tulip flowers appearing!

We welcome offers of help from new volunteers, please contact pennyrow123@outlook.com or enquire at the Civic Hall.

You can follow all of our activities on www.nantwichinbloom.org, also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.











Photo courtesy of DKS Drones

St Mary's Nantwich
sitors Monday – Here are some of the special services

We are open to visitors Monday – Saturday, 9.30am – 4pm, and for services on Sundays.

All are welcome to attend services or to look around, sit quietly, or pray and light a candle.

We welcome all enquiries about baptisms and weddings.

Among the many activities on offer are our Friday "Place of Welcome" in the Parish Hall, 10am-1pm each week, a free, safe, welcoming space for anyone to drop in to share food and meet together in friendly company.

We also have many groups for children of all ages, including training for young singers on Tuesday afternoons.

Here are some of the special services and events in the coming months:

Sunday 13th March, 6pm Choral Evensong

Saturday 2nd April, 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 5th April, 7.30pm Devotional Music & Readings by the Nantwich Singers

Palm Sunday, 10th April, 9.30am All Age Worship (with the donkeys) 6pm Bob Chilcott St John Passion sung by St Mary's Choir

Maundy Thursday, 14th April, 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday, 15th April, 12-3pm Devotional Three Hours (short periods of attendance welcome) Easter Day, Sunday 17th April, 6am Dawn Communion 9.30pm All Age Communion 10.45am Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong

We produce a weekly news sheet and a monthly magazine, both available in print and online.

To find out more and to keep in touch with St Mary's, visit our website stmarysnantwich.org.uk or call in church.

Enquiries to the Parish Office: 01270 625268 office@stmarysnanywich.org.uk





Fri 18th Mar



Sat 19th Mar



Sat 28th May



Fri 19th Aug



Sat 20th Aug



Sat 20th Aug



Sun 21st Aug



Sat 27th Aug



Sat 17th Sep



Sat 22nd Oct



Fri 28th Oct



Fri 18th Nov



Sat 19th Nov



Sat 26th Nov



Sat 3rd Dec



Fri 9th Dec





## Queen's Jubilee Celebrations In Nantwich

Nantwich Town Council is preparing a weekend of celebrations to mark the the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, Nantwich Town Council have a number of events lined up during the four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

On Thursday a beacon will be lit, followed by a market and entertainment on the Square on Saturday and a free Tea Dance at Nantwich Civic Hall on Sunday.

We will also be asking all school children to take part in designing a card for the Queen. The Mayor will judge all entries with the winning design being printed, by Johnsons Printers, as a large card to send to the Queen.

For more information and details of event updates visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or follow us on social media

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